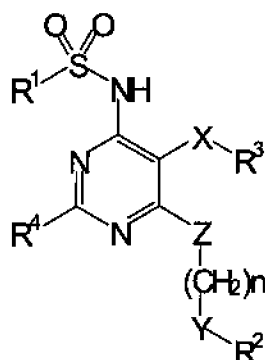


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Claims:

1. (Currently amended) ~~A compounds~~ compound of the formula:



General Formula I

wherein

R¹ represents lower alkyl;

R² represents aryl; heteroaryl; lower alkyl;

R³ represents aryl; heteroaryl;

R⁴ represents hydrogen; trifluoromethyl; lower alkyl; lower alkyl-amino; lower alkoxy; lower alkoxy-lower alkoxy; hydroxy-lower alkoxy; lower alkyl-sulfinyl; lower alkylthio; lower alkylthio-lower alkyl; hydroxy-lower alkyl; lower alkoxy-lower alkyl; hydroxy-lower alkoxy-lower alkyl; hydroxy-lower alkyl-amino; lower alkyl-amino-lower alkyl; amino; di-lower alkyl-amino; [N-(hydroxy-lower alkyl)-N-(lower alkyl)]-amino; aryl; aryl-amino; aryl-lower alkyl-amino; aryl-thio; aryl-lower alkyl-thio; aryloxy; aryl-lower alkoxy; aryl-lower alkyl; aryl-sulfinyl; heteroaryl; heteroaryl-oxy; heteroaryl-lower alkyl-oxy; heteroaryl-amino; heteroaryl-lower alkyl-amino; heteroaryl-thio; heteroaryl-lower alkyl-thio;

heteroaryl-lower alkyl; heteroaryl-sulfinyl; heterocyclyl; heterocyclyl-lower alkoxy; heterocyclyl-oxy; heterocyclyl-amino; heterocyclyl-lower alkyl-amino; heterocyclyl-thio; heterocyclyl-lower alkyl-thio; heterocyclyl-lower alkyl; heterocyclyl-sulfinyl; cycloalkyl; cycloalkyl-oxy; cycloalkyl-lower alkoxy; cycloalkyl-amino; cycloalkyl-lower alkyl-amino; cycloalkyl-thio; cycloalkyl-lower alkyl-thio; cycloalkyl-lower alkyl; cycloalkyl-sulfinyl;

X represents oxygen; or a bond;

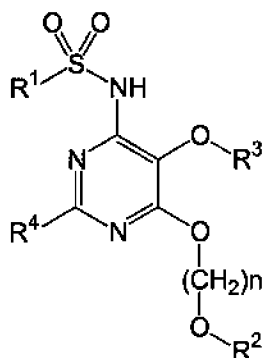
Y represents oxygen; -NH-; -NH-SO₂-; -NH-SO₂-NH-; -O-CO-NH-; -NH-CO-O-; or -NH-CO-NH-;

Z represents oxygen; sulfur; or -NH-;

n represents an integer selected from 2; 3; or 4;

or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates or the meso-forms and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The compounds~~ compound of Claim 1 having the formula:



Formula II

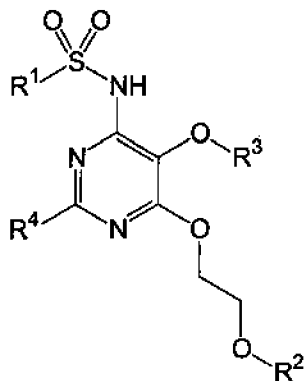
wherein

R^1 represents ethyl; propyl; iso-propyl; or butyl;

R^2 represents aryl; or heteroaryl;

and R^3 , R^4 and n are as I above or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates and the meso-forms or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The compounds~~ compound of Claim 2 having the formula :



Formula III

wherein

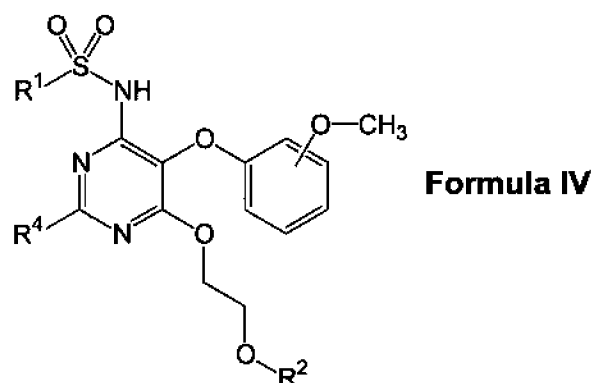
R^1 represents ethyl; propyl; or butyl;

R^2 represents aryl; or heteroaryl;

R^4 represents hydrogen; or heteroaryl;

and R^3 is as above or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates or the meso-forms and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound of Claim 3 having the formula:



wherein

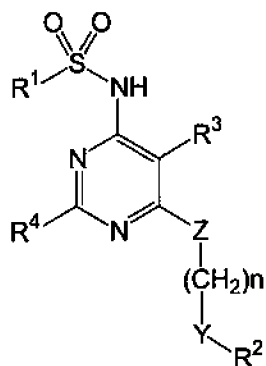
R^1 represents ethyl; propyl; iso-propyl; or butyl;

R^2 represents aryl; or heteroaryl

R^4 represents hydrogen; or heteroaryl;

or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates and the meso-forms or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound of Claim 1 having the formula :

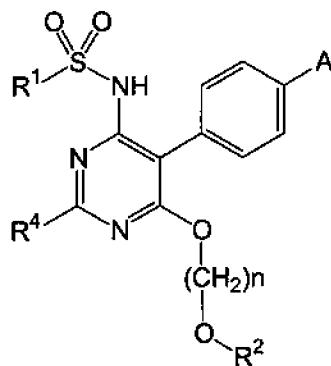


Formula V

wherein

R¹, **R²**, **R³** and **R⁴** as well as **Y**, **Z** and **n** are as above or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates and the meso-forms or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound of Claim 5 having the formula:



Formula VI

wherein

R¹ represents ethyl; propyl; or butyl;

R² represents aryl; or heteroaryl;

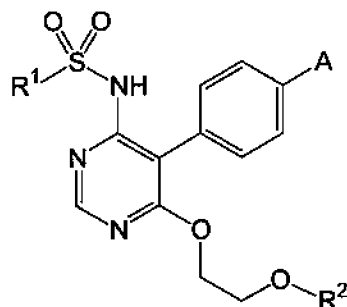
R⁴ represents hydrogen or heteroaryl;

A represents hydrogen; methyl; ethyl; chlorine; or bromine;

and **n** represents the integers 2; or 3;

or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates and the meso-forms or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~compounds~~ compound of Claim 6 having the formula:



Formula VII

wherein

R¹ represents ethyl; propyl; or butyl;

R² represents heteroaryl;

A represents methyl; chlorine; or bromine;

or optically pure enantiomers or diastereomers, mixtures of enantiomers or diastereomers, diastereomeric racemates, mixtures of diastereomeric racemates or the meso-forms and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

8. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 1 selected from the group consisting of

Ethanesulfonic acid {6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-p-tolyl-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide;

n-Propanesulfonic acid {6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-p-tolyl-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

n-Propanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(4-chloro-phenyl)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid {5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide;

n-Propanesulfonic acid {5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl}-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-[2,2']bipyrimidinyl-4-yl]-amide;

n-Propanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-[2,2']bipyrimidinyl-4-yl]-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

n-Propanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

N-[6-[2-(5-Bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-p-tolyl-pyrimidin-4-yl]-methanesulfonamide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [5-(2-chloro-5-methoxy-phenoxy)-6-[2-(5-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Butane-1-sulfonic acid [5-(3-methoxy-phenoxy)-6-[2-(5-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Propane-1-sulfonic acid [5-(2-chloro-5-methoxy-phenoxy)-6-[2-(5-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

9. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

N-[5-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-methanesulfonamide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Propane-1-sulfonic acid [5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Propane-1-sulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-p-tolyl-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Propane-1-sulfonic acid [5-(4-bromo-phenyl)-6-[2-(5-methylsulfanyl-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Ethanesulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-chloro-5-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

Propane-1-sulfonic acid [6-[2-(5-bromo-pyrimidin-2-yloxy)-ethoxy]-5-(2-chloro-5-methoxy-phenoxy)-pyrimidin-4-yl]-amide;

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claims 10-32 (cancelled).